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## FORGED CHECK IS LEFT IN HANDS OF MAN WHO REFUSED

George Willow Turns Over Paper Calling For \$25 on First National.

Young Man Tried to Get it Cashed and Fled.

### BICYCLE THIEF IS ARRESTED

Some unknown young man tried to pass a forged check for \$25 on George Willow, the saloonkeeper at Maiden Alley and Kentucky avenue, last night, but it was turned down. When the bartender refused to hand over the money, the stranger left quickly. The check bore the signature of Captain John Summers, and was written on a check of the First National bank. Police Sergeant Goureaux was notified and he had the patrolmen search for the man, but he had slipped out. The forged signature was plainly written, but nothing like the signature of Captain Summers.

### Will Stay in Town.

In order to give Will Johnson, colored, a chance to become acquainted with Paducah life, Judge Cross held him over to the grand jury this morning on a charge of grand larceny. Johnson took a \$25 Crescent wheel from Glenn Walters, a messenger for the Postal Telegraph company, last night between 8 and 9 o'clock. Johnson was riding on the pavements, and at Fourth and Washington streets, Detective Will Baker saw the negro riding the bike at full speed and told him to get off the sidewalk.

Johnson hopped off the wheel, and his actions were suspicious. Detective Baker took hold of the wheel and started to catch him when Johnson began to run. Baker fired one shot at the thief, who stopped. Johnson pleaded guilty to Judge Cross this morning and wanted to get off easy as he had been in the city but three days. Until next September, when the grand jury meets, Johnson will have the opportunity to see how he likes Paducah.

### Will Quit Begging.

Being offered his choice of going to the county sanitarium, leaving the city or ceasing begging, Charles Cole, a beggar who can see but little, chose to live with his brother and keep off the public streets. Cole is a familiar figure on the streets, and Jap Toner, secretary of the Charity club, has had several conferences with Judge Cross about Cole. Cole promised to stop begging on the streets, but he says he forgot and yesterday was on Broadway. He has one brother who feeds him, but Cole is expected to clothe himself. The city officials wanted to send him to the county sanitarium, but Cole refused to go and promised to go home to his brother and stay off the streets.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Washington, May 30.—Memorial services were held at Arlington and the Soldiers' Home and other cemeteries. All departments are closed. Every mark of respect for the dead soldiers was shown. A boat, containing flowers, was set afloat on the Potomac in memory of those who lost their lives at sea.

J. H. Keys and F. P. Stum, of Murray, were here today to see Hon. A. D. Thompson, who is ill at Riverside hospital.

The fresh consider themselves the salt of the earth.

## THE SUN'S GREAT VOTING CONTEST.

5 VOTES FOR

M. . . . .

Dist. No. . . . .

Postoffice . . . . .

Street No. . . . .

This ballot when properly filled out and brought or mailed to the Contest Department of The Sun will count as five votes.

Void after June 1.

## La Follette Talks Eighteen Hours Against Currency Measure; He is Relieved by Senator Stone Today

Hope Expressed That Filibuster Will Succeed in Putting Off Vote Until Congress is Ready to Adjourn.

Washington, May 30.—The filibuster engineered by La Follette against the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill is still on. The senate has been in continuous session since yesterday. La Follette stopped talking at 7 o'clock this morning, after an 18 hours' speech. Stone, of Missouri, took up the argument against the bill. Gore will relieve him. Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, wired he is on the way to assist the filibusters. Opponents of the bill now claim their ability to kill it, by talking until congress will be glad to adjourn.

Senators supporting the currency bill announced this afternoon that they will try to prevent La Follette speaking again. Rules provide that no speaker may speak more than twice on any subject the same legislative day. They claim La Follette stopped to allow bills to be introduced and so has spoken twice. While Stone was talking Aldrich interrupted and asked if it was true that Stone returned to Washington at the instigation of a "certain presidential aspirant." It has been reported that Bryan induced Stone to join the filibuster. Stone denied he has been commissioned by the Nebraska.

## TERRIBLE FALL MAY TERMINATE FATALLY, IS FEARED

Sharp, Ky., May 30. (Special).—While going down steps into a cellar to get milk for supper, Mrs. Mary Green fell yesterday afternoon seriously fracturing her skull, cutting an artery in her temple and bruising herself badly. Mrs. Green is 70 years old, and owing to her advanced age, grave doubts are entertained as to her recovery. She was knocked unconscious by the fall, but was found and the flow of blood was stopped temporarily until medical aid was summoned. Dr. O. A. Edleman attended her.

Ten Die from Heat in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, May 30.—Owing to the excessive heat ten persons have died here since midnight. Many are prostrated. The mercury registers 88.

## PARDON ARRIVED TOO LATE AND MOTHER WAS TOLD HER SON WAS ALREADY DEAD

Jury Disagrees in Lamplack Swamp Murder Case and is Discharged.

Canon City, Col., May 30.—Death beat the pardon Governor Burchell granted B. Irving. Mrs. Irving, his mother, arrived this morning and was informed, "Your son died four minutes ago."

### Lamplack Swamp Murder.

Jersey City, May 30.—After being out 21 hours the jury trying Theodore Whitmore, accused of murdering his wife, Lena, known as "Lampblack swamp victim," disagreed and was discharged. The woman's body was found Christmas night in the swamp. It was one of the biggest murder mysteries the authorities ever faced.

## OIL TANKS DANGEROUS

Fire Chief James Wood has completed his investigation of the safety of the Standard Oil company's store-rooms at Tenth and Monroe streets, and says the place is unsafe. Until all reports are in, it is not known what action will be taken by the city. One of the constant dangers is the passing of switch engines, and a spark might fall into oil and a conflagration might result in the heart of the city.

Miss E. M. Knisley, superintendent of Riverside hospital, will leave tonight for Philadelphia to spend her vacation with relatives. During her absence Miss Lula Hargis, head nurse, will be superintendent and head nurse. Miss Knisley will be gone about a week.

### HIGH BROWS FALL OUT.

New York, May 30.—President Roosevelt threatens to disorganize the Christian Socialists, an organization of ministers, artists and "high brows." Most of the members oppose Roosevelt's policies. When they started criticizing him the Rev. Steppen, of Wisconsin, objected and defended Roosevelt. Others came to his support and the existence of the organization is threatened.

## WICKLIFFE BOYS UNDER CHARGE OF HORSE STEALING

St. Louis, May 30.—John and Jesse Greer, 19 and 17 years old, of Wickliffe, Ky., were arrested as a result of stealing a pair of horses and a buggy from the stable of Dr. John Douglas, of Ferguson. The youths offered for sale at the stable of Louis Decker one of the two horses they were driving. Decker gave a check for \$90 in payment for one of the horses and then told the police. The Greer brothers were arrested while on their way down town to cash the check. The brothers told the police they had been working in the wheat fields of Great Bend, Kas., and wanted to go back home. They had stolen their way as far as Benton after being on the road two weeks and then decided to steal so that they could travel "like gentlemen."

## BEACH HARGIS TRIES TO TAKE OWN LIFE

Jackson, Ky., May 30. (Special).—Beach Hargis and Allen Creech, the latter for trial for killing Charles Robinson, tried to commit suicide in jail. Hargis took morphine and Creech used whisky and strychnine and tried to cut his throat. Both were saved, though they were seriously ill.

Mrs. James G. Banks, of Murray, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Perry McLean, who has been seriously ill but is improving.

The Rev. J. W. Bruner, of Clinton, will preach at the Second Baptist church tomorrow morning and evening.

## COUNTY EDUCATORS TO MEET IN PADUCAH SOON.

Prof. G. H. Wells, of Cadiz, president of the First District Educational association, has issued a call for all the county superintendents in the city to meet in Paducah Tuesday for the purpose of arranging for the annual meeting of the association at Benton in November. The program for the meeting probably will be arranged when the superintendents are in session.

## LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDERER OF STATION KEEPER

Philadelphia, W. Va., May 30.—James A. Baker, found guilty of burning the railway station at Welcome and murdering the agent and tampering with the United States mails, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He refused an attorney and defended himself.

## 44 DOGS KILLED

Without benefit of clergy, 44 stray dogs were buried on the city farm yesterday afternoon, and the work of ridding the city of the dogs will continue. The dogs were drowned by the catchers, who caught another wagon load this morning. City Clerk Maurice McIntyre has issued 202 dog licenses this week, which is quite a record and brought several hundred dollars into the city treasury.

## DECORATION DAY PROVES BUSY ONE AT COURT HOUSE

Many Orders Handed Down By Circuit Judge Reed in Pending Cases.

City Tax Case Heard and Taken Under Advisement.

### JURIES DRAWN FOR NEXT TERM

Decoration Day was not observed at the county court house today on account of the day being Saturday and the usual rush of business to be transacted. Judge Reed held a lengthy session of circuit court.

Evidence was heard in the suit of Frank Lucas, as revenue agent for the state, against the city of Paducah to collect several years' back taxes on the market house, wharf and cemetery property. The city solicitor not only contests the right of the state to collect taxes on public property, but disputes the value placed by the revenue collector, believing it too high. After hearing the evidence Judge Reed announced he would take the case under advisement.

Motions made for new trials by the defendants in the actions of Meyer Lovitch against the Palmer Transfer company and T. B. Orr against the Pullman company were both overruled. The amounts involved are too small for appeal.

A motion to take the plaintiff's petition for confessed in the action of Obe Bradshaw against the Paducah Light and Power company.

The court drew the lists of juries to serve on the grand and petit juries at the September term of criminal court.

The motion of the defendant for a new trial in the case of S. Fels & Rubel against the Merchants and Mechanics Transportation company was overruled.

The suit of Hattie Sherrill against B. J. Sherrill was continued.

The sheriff was ordered to pay to the trustee of the jury fund the amount needed to pay the jurymen empaneled at this term of court.

The rule against C. F. Johnson to turn over certain property belonging to the Kentucky Printing company to the receiver, was discharged, the order having been complied with.

Eva B. Winfrey was given judgment against L. F. Hugg, administrator of A. B. Winfrey for \$168.25.

The bill of exceptions and evidence in the case of Learney Schrader against the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad was tendered and accepted. The case now goes to the court of appeals.

The attorneys and special judges, who have presided at the present term of court, will meet at the court house Monday afternoon for the purpose of having the final orders made, hearing motions for new trials, etc.

### County Court.

County Judge Lightfoot has under advisement the suits of H. L. Anderson, auditor's agent, for back taxes against the Sutherland Medicine company and the Lax-Fos company. He probably will not render a decision for several days.

## TWO DELEGATES

But two delegates from the Purchase will attend the International Sunday school convention at Louisville next month. They are the Rev. William Bourquin, pastor of the German Evangelical church, an indefatigable Sunday school worker, and Mrs. Hill, of Fulton. Kentucky has 52 delegates. Great Sunday school workers and leaders of religious thought from the whole civilized globe will be in attendance. A low railroad rate will be offered and many visitors from this city will attend the sessions.

## WILL NOMINATE THEM

Washington, May 30.—While no formal announcement yet has been made, it may be stated definitely that Representative Theodore Burton, of Ohio, will present the name of Secretary Taft to the Chicago convention.

### Will Nominate Bryan.

Washington, May 30.—It was stated today on reliable authority that I. J. Dunn, assistant city attorney of Omaha, Neb., will place William J. Bryan in nomination for the presidency at the Denver convention. Among those who will second the nomination will be Representative J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama.

Captain Jake Elliott, assistant fire chief, is quite ill today of a bilious attack at his room at the No. 4 fire station.

## Eastern Syndicate is Seeking to Purchase Plant of Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Manufacturing Co.

M. J. Parkhurst and F. C. Dayton, of New Haven, Conn., Fighting Effort to Postpone Sale Monday.

Eastern capitalists are after the big Mergenthaler-Horton Basket Manufacturing company. As a consequence, bidding at the sale of the plant Monday, if the sale is held, will be lively. They want the plant so badly that they employed counsel to go to Louisville to oppose a motion made in Judge Evans' court, to postpone the sale. This motion to postpone was made by Bagby and Martin, representing the Globe Bank and Trust company, but the order was not modified at all.

When J. A. Bauer stepped in and bought the great plant at the last sale for \$25,000, Paducah parties interested, as well as out-of-town capitalists sat up and took notice. His daring made them take energetic steps to have the sale annulled. It was annulled by Judge Evans on the grounds that if another sale should be held the plant would bring much more money. It will, because instead of one bidder of any magnitude, there will be several at the sale Monday.

M. J. Parkhurst, of New Haven, Conn., son of the president of the company, and the man who was largely instrumental in promoting the concern, is in the city to look after his father's interests, and to bid at the sale.

With Mr. Parkhurst is Mr. F. C. Dayton, also of New Haven. He said that they represent an eastern syndicate of capitalists who want the plant and are willing to pay much more than \$25,000 to get it. S. H. Fish, of Sodas, N. Y., is also in the city to attend the sale, and this morning with W. F. Hummel, receiver, went over the plant in Mechanicsburg.

He was impressed, as everybody who has ever seen the plant, has been impressed, with the fact that J. A. Bauer merely walked off with a big prize.

### The Physical Plant.

In the first place, there is \$10,000 or more worth of lumber in the tremendous buildings of the company.

## Anti-Jap Outbreak Imminent.

Vancouver, May 30.—Another anti-Jap race disturbance was threatened when 80 Japanese were attacked by a train crew as the work car in which the Japs were riding was derailed. It nearly killed Conductor Thomas Hughes. Railroad men are threatening to mob the Japanese and the police are almost powerless to prevent trouble.

## CONTEST JUDGES NAMED TO DECIDE PRETTIEST YARD

The committees selected by the Woman's club to make the awards in the contest to decide who has the prettiest yards in the city will make their trips through the different districts today and the awards will be made tonight. Mrs. James Rudy, president of the club, and Miss Adine Morton will decide who wins the prize for the prettiest yard in the entire city, and Mrs. M. B. Nash will be the judge for the district embraced in the territory from Broadway to Norton street, Mrs. J. C. Flournoy is the judge in the district from Broadway to Trimble street, and Mrs. George Langstaff in the district from Fountain avenue to Twenty-fifth street. The prize for the prettiest yard in the entire city is \$100 donated by The Evening Sun, and the district prizes are \$5 each, donated by Mr. Richard Raby, Mayor Smith and the Woman's club. The News-Democrat gives \$10 for the prettiest unimproved lot.

## MOTHER AVENGES CRIMES AGAINST HER 2 DAUGHTERS

New York, May 30.—Mrs. Theresa Phillip shot and instantly killed John Marrio, when she caught him trying to molest her 6-year-old daughter in a vacant lot in east New York. The woman had just returned from court, where her daughter, Maria, 14 years old, accused Marrio of molesting her. The second attempt on her children crazed the woman and she killed the offender.

on Meyers street. The land on the river front and with railroad facilities, is valuable, the engines, boilers and other incidentals, to say nothing of the hundreds of costly Mergenthaler machines, combine to make the plant worth double what it was first sold for. Then, it is almost certain to be gotten, sooner or later by eastern capitalists, who, starting fresh doubtless could make money with the industry, and who would have paid any owner a large bonus for the concern.

Mr. Charles K. Wheeler is in Louisville today to oppose the motion for a postponement. The bank thought its claim against the bankrupt company would be better disposed of by selling the land and the property separately, and want the sale postponed. It is said the sale will go ahead Monday. S. H. Fish is at present a basket and box manufacturer and operates some of the Mergenthaler machines. He will be at the bidding Monday with perhaps some other out-of-town bidders.

The eastern capitalists are not communicative about their plans, but as the plant is ideally located and equipped, and as they have come a long way to attend the sale, it is stated on good authority that the industry will soon be in operation again. That is, as soon as the financial end of the proposition can be attended to in the east. Meanwhile, they will cinch the game by buying in the plant, unless Paducah bidders go them one better.

Attorney J. D. Moequet is in Louisville today to represent Mr. F. E. Lack and Receiver W. F. Hummel at the hearing of the motion to postpone the sale. It is said he will urge the sale Monday. Mr. Lack guaranteed to start the bidding at \$30,000 Monday. This will be the third sale, no bids being received on the first and the second was set aside.

## PLANT BEDS SCRAPED

Clarksville, Tenn., May 30. (Special).—Three plant beds on the farm of Irvin Beard at Wall's creek were destroyed. Beard was warned to join the pool.

Mrs. Z. C. Graham and Miss Stella Graham, of Grahamville, are visiting friends in Dyersburg, Tenn.

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## THREE NEW PLANTS ARE PROSPERING FROM BEGINNING

Paducah Box and Basket Factory Producing Millions For Fruit and Berry Crops.

Columbia Manufacturing Company is Making Good.

### WISDOM HOSIERY MILLS GROW

Prosperity in abundant measure is assured for Paducah in the immediate future by the success of many of its manufacturing industries, in spite of the panic and subsequent depression. The fact that they went right ahead through the financial troubles, is proof that they will have far greater success when normal conditions are generally restored, while, on the other hand, their operation in the midst of the depression has been the largest factor in averting worse conditions in Paducah's labor market.

The Paducah Box and Basket factory is one of the industries, whose continuous operation has been favorably felt all winter. More persons probably are employed here than in any other industry in the city, and the weekly pay roll has been a considerable item to Paducah merchants. So far this season this industry has manufactured approximately 12,000,000 fruit and berry boxes and baskets and to keep up with their orders night work has been necessary. Though the boxes are needed only at certain periods in the year this plant has operated the year round, and it had its birth and has grown up right in Paducah without any stock-jobbing schemes to put it on a running basis.

Messrs. Wells and Morris, managers of the plant, say that Georgia will have the biggest peach crop this year in her history, and to handle it 5,000,000 boxes have been made at this factory. From three to five car loads are shipped, principally to the east and north, while in baskets and other products of the factory, correspondingly large orders have been filled. A new boiler has just been installed that makes the capacity of the boiler room 300-horse power.

Gradually the plant is spreading over a large tract of land at Fourteenth and Caldwell streets, where both railroads give it excellent shipping facilities. Each month sees an addition to its capacity and a greater number of hands employed. More families are now supported through this industry than by any other single manufacturing concern.

### Columbia Plant.

Another industry that is coming to the front with a rush is the Columbia Manufacturing company, makers of curtain poles, mouldings and novelties in wood. Several hundred hands are employed and the business increase each month justifies the prediction that it will soon be pressing hard for the first place in size. Orders are shipped from this plant to Europe and Asia and a feature of the business is the ingenious use of every particle of wood. Novelties are turned out here that are being sold by the principal stores in the country, a leading line being the shirtwaist and skirt boxes for women. This industry, too, though young, has kept going through the panic and depression.

### Wisdom Hosiery Mills.

Managers of the Wisdom Hosiery mills assert that Paducah will one day count it as one of the leading industries in the city. They have the space to grow and say they will in a short time cover a much larger acreage than at present. Capital and energy are behind it to assure success.

These three plants are mentioned because, being young, compared with other industries here, their success is more significant for an early return to prosperity. Older concerns here are prospering and what depression exists in the city is largely brought about by conditions in other parts of the country, as the slack demand from the railroads for ties, which has laid up a number of towboats. Paducah can look forward more hope fully to the future than any city of its size in the United States.

### A Shoe Factory.

The proposition of Mr. William Osner to locate a shoe factory here that would work only negro hands, will be given careful consideration but as it is strictly an experiment, and as Mr. Osner has asked a large stock subscription from the city, he proposes to invest in the experiment, no definite answer could be made him now. He is going to the Pacific coast in a short time and the location for the new factory will not be settled until his return in July or August.

Girls wouldn't get much fun out of flirting if it was strictly proper.